



June 16, 2017

Mr. Randy Fiorini, Chair
Delta Stewardship Council
980 9th Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Draft Proposed Delta Plan Amendments for Conveyance, Storage and Operations

Position: SUPPORT

The **Southwest California Legislative Council** is an advocacy coalition comprised of representative members of the *Temecula Valley, Murrieta, Wildomar, Menifee Valley, Lake Elsinore Valley and Perris Valley Chambers of Commerce* representing more than 3,500 employers dedicated to promoting job growth, economic expansion, and preserving the overall global competitiveness of California.

The **SWCLC** is pleased to support the goals of providing a reliable water supply for California and restoring the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta through your proposal to amend the Delta Plan for improved conveyance, storage and water supply operations.

The Delta Plan provides key guidance to local state and federal agencies and helps to coordinate their many actions related to water management. Particularly important are those actions that must be reviewed by the Delta Stewardship Council to ensure that they are consistent with the overall Delta Plan, such as a modernization of the existing water plan through the state-federal proposal known as California WaterFix.

The draft plan amendments before you acknowledge that the status quo in the Delta is unacceptable for both the Delta environment and the California economy. We agree with this assessment and the guidance to modernize the system by constructing new water intakes in a manner that protects the Delta as an evolving place. Amending the Delta Plan in this manner will provide important and balanced direction. We encourage you to initiate the necessary environmental review process to formally amend your draft into the Delta Plan.

For these and other reasons, the **Southwest California Legislative Council** strongly **SUPPORTS** the amended **Delta Water Plan** and the **California WaterFix**. Thank you for your consideration and your efforts to improve California water management, Delta science and restoration.

Respectfully,

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